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1. ON AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 13, A U.N. SPOKESMAN (GIULIANI)
READ TO PRESS A STATEMENT THAT WALDHEIM IS INSTRUCTING SIILASVUO
"TO FOLLOW THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE" AT
JERUSALEM, AND "TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE PARTIES CON-
CERNING THE NEGOTIATIONS." SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS.

2. TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS. QUOTE.

STATEMENT BY UNITED NATIONS SPOKESMAN REGARDING POLITICAL COMMITTEE
IN JERUSALEM

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS CONTINUING TO FOLLOW WITH THE
CLOSEST INTEREST CURRENT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS TOWARDS
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A SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DESIGNATED
LT. GENERAL ENSIO SIILASVUO, CHIEF CO-ORDINATOR OF UNITED NATIONS
PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, TO BE PRESENT AT
THE CAIRO PLENARY MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE SO AS TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS.

THE CAIRO CONFERENCE HAS NOW SPLIT UP INTO TWO WORKING COMMITTEES, ONE IN JERUSALEM AND ONE IN CAIRO. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS BEEN INVITED EITHER TO ATTEND OR TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN JERUSALEM. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL NOT HIMSELF BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THESE NEW WORKING ARRANGEMENTS, AND HAVING IN MIND THE EXISTING INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN PEACE-KEEPING IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL INSTRUCT GENERAL SIILASVUO, WHOSE HEADQUARTERS IS IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE, JERUSALEM, TO FOLLOW THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. FOR THIS PURPOSE GENERAL SIILASVUO WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE PARTIES CONCERNING THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ANY MATTERS DIRECTLY AFFECTING THE UNITED NATIONS. HE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO TRANSMIT RELEVANT INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SO THAT HE IN TURN MAY KEEP THE COMPETENT ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMED AS APPROPRIATE. UNQUOTE

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